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7 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
8 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
9 **WESTERN DIVISION: LOS ANGELES**

10 **DONALD ALBERIGI, ROBERT**
11 **ALVARADO, KARINA ARABOLAZA,**
12 **SAGRARIO BAECKER, PETER E.**
13 **BIPPART, HOLLY BLAYLOCK,**
14 **LARRY BLAYLOCK, GURJANT SINGH**
15 **BRAR, DAVID BROOKWELL, ROYCE**
16 **A. BROWN, JOHN BURKHARDT,**
17 **GEORGE CAIRNEY, VICKI CAIRNEY,**
18 **YANG LI CHEN, HENRY CHIU,**
19 **RICHARD CLOMPUS, SALOMAN H.**
20 **CORTES, CARMEL CRANE, KELLY**
21 **DICHOSO, JEFFREY C. EATON,**
22 **ANTONIO ELIZARRARAZ, JEFF**
23 **ELLINGTON, HOLLIE ELLINGTON,**
24 **HERBERT FISCHER, SEAN FISHER,**
25 **DEBORAH M. FODOR, DEBRA GILLIS,**
26 **RALPH W. GLADWIN, HUGH J.**
27 **HARDMAN, KATHRYN M. HARTMAN,**
28 **ROBERT E. HOLADAY**
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SERVICE), SCOTTY J. HUNZIKER,
DAVID IMMETHUN, ZEMKA
ISAKOVIC, RYAN JACKSON,
JENNIFER JACKSON, NORMAN L.
JENKINS, HARPREET SINGH JHATU,
HARRY E. JOHNS AND MIRANDA
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CASE NO: _____

COMPLAINT FOR RESTITUTION,
DAMAGES AND CIVIL PENALTY

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Plaintiffs,

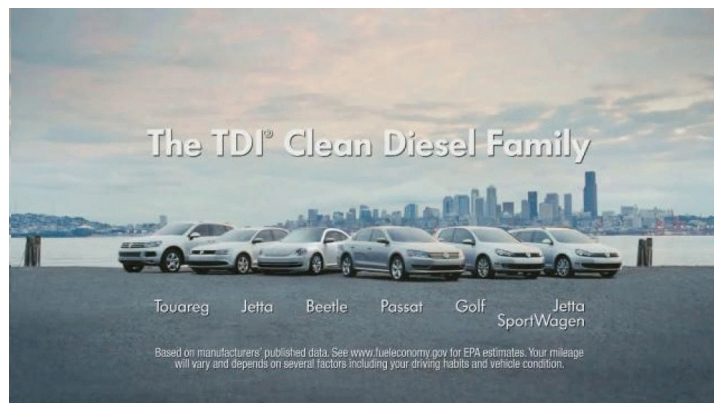
VERSUS

VOLKSWAGEN GROUP OF AMERICA,
INC.

NATURE OF THE CASE

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1. This case arises because the defendant, VOLKSWAGEN GROUP OF AMERICA, INC. (hereinafter identified as “VOLKSWAGEN”), who is the manufacturer and/or distributor and/or warrantor of the Volkswagen and Audi vehicles identified herein did wilfully and intentionally mislead, deceive and defraud the plaintiffs with respect to the quality and performance of their Volkswagen and Audi 2.0 TDI diesel engine vehicles (hereinafter referred to as “CLEAN DIESEL VEHICLES”, “subject vehicles” and/or “plaintiffs’ vehicles”).

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2. Since 2009, VOLKSWAGEN expressly marketed and advertised its “Clean Diesel” models as extraordinarily clean, EPA certified and compliant in all 50 states, fuel efficient and powerful.



1 3. At the time of purchase, VOLKSWAGEN represented to the
2 plaintiffs that the subject vehicles were equipped with the “Clean Diesel” engine
3 that would pass all state and federal emissions standards while at the same time
4 obtaining exceptional mileage performance.
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6 4. However, unknown to the plaintiffs at the time they purchased their
7 subject vehicle was that VOLKSWAGEN had installed a “defeat device” in their
8 vehicle that allowed VOLKSWAGEN to evade United States Environmental
9 Protection Agency (“EPA”) and California Air Resources Board (“CARB”)
10 emissions test procedures. Plaintiffs were not told that the subject vehicle was
11 equipped with a “defeat device” that would cause the subject vehicle to only meet
12 emissions standards when the subject vehicle was being tested and to operate in
13 violation of Federal and State laws at all other times. Plaintiffs relied and were
14 induced by the false representations, declarations and statements made by
15 VOLKSWAGEN with regards to the subject vehicles at the time of purchase and
16 the plaintiffs relied upon these false representations, declarations and statements to
17 their detriment in purchasing their subject vehicles.
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20 5. VOLKSWAGEN secretly, deliberately, intentionally and illegally
21 installed a defeat device in nearly 500,000 Volkswagen and Audi branded TDI 2.0
22 diesel engine vehicles that were sold to American consumers, including the subject
23 vehicles that were sold to the plaintiffs that are identified herein.
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1 6. A “defeat device” is any auxillary emission control device “that
2 reduces the effectiveness of the emission control system under conditions which
3 may reasonably expected to be encountered in normal subject vehicle operation
4 and use. *40 C.F.R. § 86.1803-01*.

6 7. Specifically, the defeat device installed in the plaintiffs’ subject
7 vehicles by VOLKSWAGEN produces regulation compliant results when it senses
8 the plaintiffs’ subject vehicles are undergoing testing, but operates a less effective
9 emissions control system when the subject vehicle is driven under normal
10 circumstances. This results in cars that meet emissions standards in the laboratory
11 or state testing station, but during normal operation emit nitrogen oxides (NOx) at
12 up to 40 times the standard allowed under United States laws and regulations. It
13 was only by using the defeat device that VOLKSWAGEN was able to obtain
14 Certificates of Conformity from EPA and Executive Orders from CARB for its
15 TDI diesel engine subject vehicles, which included plaintiffs’ vehicles.

17 8. VOLKSWAGEN expressly marketed and advertised its “Clean
18 Diesel” models, including plaintiffs’ vehicles, as extraordinarily clean, EPA
19 certified in all 50 states, fuel efficient and powerful. VOLKSWAGEN has charged
20 a substantial premium for the “CLEAN DIESEL” vehicles that were purchased by
21 the plaintiffs. These premiums were charged for all of CLEAN DIESEL vehicles in
22 which VOLKSWAGEN installed its “defeat device”, including the plaintiffs’
23 vehicles. For example a 2015 VW Jetta’s MSRP was \$20,760 while the MSRP for

1 the TDI diesel version, with the installed defeat device of the same Jetta was
2 \$26,665.
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4 9. On September 3, 2013 VOLKSWAGEN admitted to EPA and CARB
5 that it had installed “defeat devices” on its model years 2009 through 2015 and
6 Audi 2.0 liter diesel engine vehicles, which included plaintiffs’ vehicles.
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8 10. VOLKSWAGEN’s fraud became public knowledge on September 18,
9 2015, when the EPA issued a Notice of Violation that alleged VOLKSWAGEN’s
10 use of the “defeat device” violated provision of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. §
11 7401, et seq. That same day, CARB sent VOLKSWAGEN a notification letter
12 stating CARB had commenced an enforcement investigation concerning the
13 “defeat device”.
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16 11. VOLKSWAGEN has been ordered by the EPA to recall the CLEAN
17 DIESEL vehicles, including the plaintiffs’ vehicles, and repair them so that they
18 comply with EPA emissions requirements at all times during normal operation.
19 However, VOLKSWAGEN cannot make the plaintiffs’ vehicles comply with
20 emissions standards without substantially degrading their performance
21 characteristics, including their horsepower and fuel efficiency. As a result, even if
22 Volkswagen is able to make the plaintiffs’ vehicles EPA compliant, Plaintiffs will
23 nonetheless suffer actual harm and damages because their vehicles will no longer
24 perform as they did when purchased and as advertised in that the engine
25 performance and fuel efficiency will be reduced.
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1 *Practices and Products Liability Litigation*, No. 3:15-MD-2672 (Northern District
2 of California) and are not members of that class.

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4 18. In accordance with Section 1780(c) all of the plaintiffs identified
5 herein have executed an affidavit stating facts showing that the action commenced
6 in a county or judicial district as a proper place for the trial of the action. The
7 affidavits are being filed concurrently with the filing of this complaint.

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9 19. The plaintiffs in this matter and the relevant information with regards
10 to their CLEAN DIESEL vehicle are as follows:

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12 **Donald Alberigi**, residing in Sonoma County, Occidental, California,
13 purchased a 2009 Volkswagen Jetta TDI on or about January 5, 2013 bearing VIN#
14 3VWAL71K99M085352 for approximately \$18,000 and on or about April 1, 2012,
15 he purchased a 2009 Jetta TDI bearing VIN# 3VWAL71KX9M093685 for
16 approximately \$19,995.00. On August 5, 2016, pursuant to California Consumer
17 Legal Remedies Act (“CLRA”) section 1782, notice was issued to the defendant,
18 Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., as to those defects identified herein with
19 plaintiff’s subject vehicle. As of the date of this filing the defendant has failed to
20 comply with the plaintiff’s request. Donald Alberigi executed an opt-out notice
21 from the Class in *Re: Volkswagen “Clean Diesel” Marketing, Sales Practices and*
22 *Products Liability Litigation*, No. 3:15-md-2672 (Northern District of California).
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24 **Donald Alberigi’s** affidavit as required by CAL. CIV. CODE § 1780(c) is attached
25 as Exhibit 1.
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1 **Robert P. Alvarado**, residing in Los Angeles County, Los Angeles,
 2 California, purchased a 2012 Volkswagen Golf TDI on or about August 7, 2012
 3 bearing VIN# WVWNM7AJ8CW256172, from Galphin Volkswagen in Los
 4 Angeles, CA. The subject vehicle was sold on or about October 28, 2015. On
 5 August 3, 2016, pursuant to California Consumer Legal Remedies Act (“CLRA”) section 1782,
 6 notice was issued to the defendant, Volkswagen Group of America,
 7 Inc., as to those defects identified herein with plaintiff’s subject vehicle. As of the
 8 date of this filing the defendant has failed to comply with the plaintiff’s request.
 9 Robert P. Alvarado executed an opt-out notice from the Class in *Re: Volkswagen*
 10 *“Clean Diesel” Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation*, No.
 11 3:15-md-2672 (Northern District of California). **Robert P. Alvarado**’s affidavit as
 12 required by **CAL. CIV. CODE § 1780(c)** is attached as Exhibit 2.

13 **Karina Arabolaza**, residing in Los Angeles County, Los Angeles,
 14 California, purchased a 2010 Volkswagen Golf TDI on or about November 29,
 15 2009 bearing VIN# WVWNM7AJ9AW154294 for approximately \$33,203.00 from
 16 New Century Volkswagen in Glendale, CA. On May 18, 2016, pursuant to
 17 California Consumer Legal Remedies Act (“CLRA”) section 1782, notice was
 18 issued to the defendant, Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., as to those defects
 19 identified herein with plaintiff’s subject vehicle. As of the date of this filing the
 20 defendant has failed to comply with the plaintiff’s request. Karina Arabolaza
 21 executed an opt-out notice from the Class in *Re: Volkswagen “Clean Diesel”*

1 *Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation*, No. 3:15-md-2672
2 (Northern District of California). **Karina Arabolaza**'s affidavit as required by
3 **CAL. CIV. CODE § 1780(c)** is attached as Exhibit 3.

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5 **Sagrario Baecker**, residing in Sacramento County, Gait, California,
6 purchased a 2013 Volkswagen Jetta TDI on or about December 28, 2012 bearing
7 VIN#3VW3L7AJ7DM389093 for approximately \$21,707.00 from Roseville
8 Volkswagen in Roseville, CA. On May 12, 2016, pursuant to California Consumer
9 Legal Remedies Act ("CLRA") section 1782, notice was issued to the defendant,
10 Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., as to those defects identified herein with
11 plaintiff's subject vehicle. As of the date of this filing the defendant has failed to
12 comply with the plaintiff's request. Sagrario Baecker executed an opt-out notice
13 from the Class in *Re: Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Marketing, Sales Practices and*
14 *Products Liability Litigation*, No. 3:15-md-2672 (Northern District of California).
15 **Sagrario Baecker**'s affidavit as required by **CAL. CIV. CODE § 1780(c)** is attached
16 as Exhibit 4.

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18 **Peter E. Bippart**, residing in Butte County, Oroville, California, purchased
19 a 2012 Audi A3, on or about July 20, 2012 bearing VIN#WAUKJBFBM5CA158700
20 for approximately \$43,929.00 from Niello Audi in Sacramento, CA. On May 12,
21 2016, pursuant to California Consumer Legal Remedies Act ("CLRA") section
22 1782, notice was issued to the defendant, Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., as
23 to those defects identified herein with plaintiff's subject vehicle. As of the date of

1 this filing the defendant has failed to comply with the plaintiff's request. Peter E.
2 Bippart executed an opt-out notice from the Class in *Re: Volkswagen "Clean*
3 *Diesel" Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation*, No. 3:15-
4 md-2672 (Northern District of California). **Peter E. Bippart's** affidavit as required
5 by **CAL. CIV. CODE § 1780(c)** is attached as Exhibit 5.
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8 **Holly M. Blaylock and Larry G. Blaylock**, residing in Yuba County,
9 Browns Valley, California, purchased a 2013 Jetta on or about October 22, 2013
10 bearing VIN# 3VWLL7AJ4DM353328 for approximately \$25,056.00 from
11 Roseville Volkswagen in Roseville, CA. On June 6, 2016, pursuant to California
12 Consumer Legal Remedies Act ("CLRA") section 1782, notice was issued to the
13 defendant, Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., as to those defects identified
14 herein with plaintiff's subject vehicle. As of the date of this filing the defendant
15 has failed to comply with the plaintiff's request. Holly and Larry Blaylock
16 executed an opt-out notice from the Class in *Re: Volkswagen "Clean Diesel"*
17 *Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation*, No. 3:15-md-2672
18 (Northern District of California). **Holly M. Blaylock's and Larry G. Blaylock's**
19 affidavits as required by **CAL. CIV. CODE § 1780(c)** are attached as Exhibit 6, *in*
20 *globo*.
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25 **Gurjant Singh Brar**, residing in Kern County, Bakersfield, California,
26 purchased a 2013 Passat on or about June 2, 2013 bearing VIN#
27 1VWCN7A37DC098493 for approximately \$36,697.00 from Parkway
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1 Volkswagen in Valencia, CA. On May 18, 2016, pursuant to California Consumer
2 Legal Remedies Act (“CLRA”) section 1782, notice was issued to the defendant,
3 Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., as to those defects identified herein with
4 plaintiff’s subject vehicle. As of the date of this filing the defendant has failed to
5 comply with the plaintiff’s request. Gurjant Singh Brar executed an opt-out notice
6 from the Class in *Re: Volkswagen “Clean Diesel” Marketing, Sales Practices and*
7 *Products Liability Litigation*, No. 3:15-md-2672 (Northern District of California).
8 **Gurjant Singh Brar’s** affidavit as required by CAL. CIV. CODE § 1780(c) is
9 attached as Exhibit 7.

13 **David Brookwell**, residing in Los Angeles County, Redondo Beach,
14 California, purchased a 2013 Audi A3 TDI on or about November 20, 2012
15 bearing VIN# WAUKJAFM6DA022183 for approximately \$36,780.00 from Audi
16 Pacific in Torrance, CA. On or about November 25, 2014, this subject vehicle was
17 sold or traded. On May 18, 2016, pursuant to California Consumer Legal
18 Remedies Act (“CLRA”) section 1782, notice was issued to the defendant,
19 Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., as to those defects identified herein with
20 plaintiff’s subject vehicle. As of the date of this filing the defendant has failed to
21 comply with the plaintiff’s request. David Brookwell executed an opt-out notice
22 from the Class in *Re: Volkswagen “Clean Diesel” Marketing, Sales Practices and*
23 *Products Liability Litigation*, No. 3:15-md-2672 (Northern District of California).
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1 **David Brookwell's** affidavit as required by **CAL. CIV. CODE § 1780(c)** is attached
2 as Exhibit 8.

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4 **Royce A. Brown**, residing in Los Angeles County, Lancaster, California,
5 purchased a 2009 Jetta TDI on or about May 29, 2009 bearing VIN#
6 3VWRL71K79M064082 for approximately \$25,443.00 from Desert Volkswagen
7 in Las Vegas, Nevada. On May 12, 2016, pursuant to California Consumer Legal
8 Remedies Act ("CLRA") section 1782, notice was issued to the defendant,
9 Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., as to those defects identified herein with
10 plaintiff's subject vehicle. As of the date of this filing the defendant has failed to
11 comply with the plaintiff's request. Royce A. Brown executed an opt-out notice
12 from the Class in *Re: Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Marketing, Sales Practices and*
13 *Products Liability Litigation*, No. 3:15-md-2672 (Northern District of California).

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17 **Royce A. Brown's** affidavit as required by **CAL. CIV. CODE § 1780(c)** is attached
18 as Exhibit 9.

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20 **John Burkhardt**, residing in San Diego County, San Diego, California,
21 purchased a 2013 Golf on or about March 17, 2015 bearing VIN#
22 WVWDM7AJ8DW123795. On March 17, 2015, pursuant to California Consumer
23 Legal Remedies Act ("CLRA") section 1782, notice was issued to the defendant,
24 Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., as to those defects identified herein with
25 plaintiff's subject vehicle. As of the date of this filing the defendant has failed to
26 comply with the plaintiff's request. John Burkhardt executed an opt-out notice
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1 from the Class in *Re: Volkswagen “Clean Diesel” Marketing, Sales Practices and*
2 *Products Liability Litigation*, No. 3:15-md-2672 (Northern District of California).
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4 **John Burkhardt**’s affidavit as required by **CAL. CIV. CODE § 1780(c)** is attached
5 as Exhibit 10.

6 **George Cairney and Vicki Cairney**, residing in Los Angeles County,
7 Covina, California, purchased a 2013 Passat on or about July 4, 2013 bearing
8 VIN# 1VWCN7A34DC140411 for approximately \$31,995.00 from Cardinaleway
9 Volkswagen in Corona, CA. On June 23, 2016, pursuant to California Consumer
10 Legal Remedies Act (“CLRA”) section 1782, notice was issued to the defendant,
11 Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., as to those defects identified herein with
12 plaintiff’s subject vehicle. As of the date of this filing the defendant has failed to
13 comply with the plaintiff’s request. George and Vicki Cairney executed an opt-out
14 notice from the Class in *Re: Volkswagen “Clean Diesel” Marketing, Sales*
15 *Practices and Products Liability Litigation*, No. 3:15-md-2672 (Northern District
16 of California). **George Cairney’s and Vicki Cairney’s** affidavits as required by
17 **CAL. CIV. CODE § 1780(c)** are attached as Exhibit 11, *in globo*.
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19 **Yang Li Chen**, residing in Los Angeles County, Rowland Heights,
20 California, purchased a 2013 Passat TDI SE on or about July 20, 2015 bearing
21 VIN# 1VWBN7A30DC053357 for approximately \$29,497.00 from Puente Hills
22 Volkswagen in City of Industry, CA. On May 12, 2016, pursuant to California
23 Consumer Legal Remedies Act (“CLRA”) section 1782, notice was issued to the
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1 defendant, Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., as to those defects identified
2 herein with plaintiff's subject vehicle. As of the date of this filing the defendant
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4 has failed to comply with the plaintiff's request. Yang Li Chen executed an opt-out
5 notice from the Class in *Re: Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Marketing, Sales*
6 *Practices and Products Liability Litigation*, No. 3:15-md-2672 (Northern District
7 of California). **Yang Li Chen**'s affidavit as required by **CAL. CIV. CODE § 1780(c)**
8 is attached as Exhibit 12.
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11 **Henry Chiu**, residing in San Mateo County, Daly City, California,
12 purchased a 2011 Golf TDI on or about July 11, 2011 bearing VIN#
13 WVWNM7AJ9BW316443 for approximately \$28,346.00 from Serramonte
14 Volkswagen in Colma, CA. On or about September 7, 2013, this subject vehicle
15 was sold or traded. On May 31, 2016, pursuant to California Consumer Legal
16 Remedies Act ("CLRA") section 1782, notice was issued to the defendant,
17 Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., as to those defects identified herein with
18 plaintiff's subject vehicle. As of the date of this filing the defendant has failed to
19 comply with the plaintiff's request. Henry Chiu executed an opt-out notice from
20 the Class in *Re: Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Marketing, Sales Practices and*
21 *Products Liability Litigation*, No. 3:15-md-2672 (Northern District of California).
22 **Henry Chiu**'s affidavit as required by **CAL. CIV. CODE § 1780(c)** is attached as
23 Exhibit 13.
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1 **Richard Clompus**, residing in Humboldt County, Trinidad, California,
2 purchased a 2010 Audi A3 TDI on or about April 7, 2011 bearing VIN#
3 WAUKJAFM6BA135046 for approximately \$35,275.00 from Audi of
4 Jacksonville in Jacksonville, FL. On August 29, 2016, pursuant to California
5 Consumer Legal Remedies Act (“CLRA”) section 1782, notice was issued to the
6 defendant, Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., as to those defects identified
7 herein with plaintiff’s subject vehicle. As of the date of this filing the defendant
8 has failed to comply with the plaintiff’s request. Richard Clompus executed an opt-
9 out notice from the Class in *Re: Volkswagen “Clean Diesel” Marketing, Sales*
10 *Practices and Products Liability Litigation*, No. 3:15-md-2672 (Northern District
11 of California). **Richard Clompus’** affidavit as required by CAL. CIV. CODE §
12 1780(c) is attached as Exhibit 14.

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17 **Saloman Haroldo Cortes**, residing in Riverside County, Riverside,
18 California, purchased a 2010 Jetta TDI on or about January 17, 2013 bearing VIN#
19 3VWPL8AJ1AM686217 for approximately \$32,101.00 from Riverside Metro
20 Auto Group in Riverside, CA. On August 29, 2016, pursuant to California
21 Consumer Legal Remedies Act (“CLRA”) section 1782, notice was issued to the
22 defendant, Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., as to those defects identified
23 herein with plaintiff’s subject vehicle. As of the date of this filing the defendant
24 has failed to comply with the plaintiff’s request. Saloman Haroldo Cortes executed
25 an opt-out notice from the Class in *Re: Volkswagen “Clean Diesel” Marketing,*
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1 *Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation*, No. 3:15-md-2672 (Northern
2 District of California). **Saloman Haroldo Cortes'** affidavit as required by CAL.
3 **CIV. CODE § 1780(c)** is attached as Exhibit 15.

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5 **Carmel Crane**, residing in San Francisco County, San Francisco,
6 California, purchased a 2009 Jetta TDI in June 2011 bearing VIN#
7 3VWRL71K89M135838. On August 29, 2016, pursuant to California Consumer
8 Legal Remedies Act ("CLRA") section 1782, notice was issued to the defendant,
9 Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., as to those defects identified herein with
10 plaintiff's subject vehicle. As of the date of this filing the defendant has failed to
11 comply with the plaintiff's request. Carmel Crane executed an opt-out notice from
12 the Class in *Re: Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Marketing, Sales Practices and*
13 *Products Liability Litigation*, No. 3:15-md-2672 (Northern District of California).
14 **Carmel Crane's** affidavit as required by CAL. CIV. CODE § 1780(c) is attached as
15 Exhibit 16.

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17 **Kelly F. Dichoso**, residing in Alameda County, Alameda, California,
18 purchased a 2010 Jetta on or about December 23, 2010 bearing VIN#
19 3VWAL7AJ0AM170138 for approximately \$26,735.00 from Capital Volkswagen
20 in San Jose, CA. On August 15, 2016, pursuant to California Consumer Legal
21 Remedies Act ("CLRA") section 1782, notice was issued to the defendant,
22 Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., as to those defects identified herein with
23 plaintiff's subject vehicle. As of the date of this filing the defendant has failed to

1 comply with the plaintiff's request. Kelly F. Dichoso executed an opt-out notice
2 from the Class in *Re: Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Marketing, Sales Practices and*
3 *Products Liability Litigation*, No. 3:15-md-2672 (Northern District of California).
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5 **Kelly F. Dichoso's** affidavit as required by **CAL. CIV. CODE § 1780(c)** is attached
6 as Exhibit 17.

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8 **Jeffrey C. Eaton**, residing in Riverside County, Norco, California,
9 purchased a 2012 Jetta TDI on or about November 19, 2011 bearing VIN#
10 3VWLL7AJ6CM317431 for approximately \$31,529.00 from Ontario Volkswagen
11 in Ontario, CA. On May 18, 2016, pursuant to California Consumer Legal
12 Remedies Act ("CLRA") section 1782, notice was issued to the defendant,
13 Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., as to those defects identified herein with
14 plaintiff's subject vehicle. As of the date of this filing the defendant has failed to
15 comply with the plaintiff's request. Jeffrey C. Eaton executed an opt-out notice
16 from the Class in *Re: Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Marketing, Sales Practices and*
17 *Products Liability Litigation*, No. 3:15-md-2672 (Northern District of California).
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19 **Jeffrey C. Eaton's** affidavit as required by **CAL. CIV. CODE § 1780(c)** is attached
20 as Exhibit 18.

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24 **Antonio Elizarraraz**, residing in San Diego County, Chula Vista,
25 California, purchased a 2014 Passat in October 2013 bearing VIN#
26 1VWCN7A36EC007814 for approximately \$38,438.00 from City Volkswagen in
27 San Diego, CA. On May 18, 2016, pursuant to California Consumer Legal
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1 Remedies Act (“CLRA”) section 1782, notice was issued to the defendant,
2 Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., as to those defects identified herein with
3 plaintiff’s subject vehicle. As of the date of this filing the defendant has failed to
4 comply with the plaintiff’s request. Antonio Elizarraraz executed an opt-out notice
5 from the Class in *Re: Volkswagen “Clean Diesel” Marketing, Sales Practices and*
6 *Products Liability Litigation*, No. 3:15-md-2672 (Northern District of California).
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8 **Antonio Elizarraraz’s** affidavit as required by **CAL. CIV. CODE § 1780(c)** is
9 attached as Exhibit 19.

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12 **Jeff Ellington and Hollie Ellington**, residing in Kern County, Bakersfield,
13 California, purchased a 2012 Jetta on May 27, 2015 bearing VIN#
14 3VWLL7AJ1CM390030 for approximately \$24,085.00 from Family Volkswagen
15 in Bakersfield, CA. On June 16, 2016, pursuant to California Consumer Legal
16 Remedies Act (“CLRA”) section 1782, notice was issued to the defendant,
17 Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., as to those defects identified herein with
18 plaintiff’s subject vehicle. As of the date of this filing the defendant has failed to
19 comply with the plaintiff’s request. Jeff and Hollie Ellington executed an opt-out
20 notice from the Class in *Re: Volkswagen “Clean Diesel” Marketing, Sales*
21 *Practices and Products Liability Litigation*, No. 3:15-md-2672 (Northern District
22 of California). **Jeff Ellington’s and Hollie Ellington’s** affidavits as required by
23 **CAL. CIV. CODE § 1780(c)** are attached as Exhibit 20, *in globo*.

1 **Herbert Fischer**, residing in Madera County, Madera, California, purchased
2 a 2012 Passat on July 8, 2012 bearing VIN# 1VWBN7A35CC096560 for
3 approximately \$31,526.00 from R. L. Niello Co., Inc. in Ventura, CA. On July 27,
4 2016, pursuant to California Consumer Legal Remedies Act (“CLRA”) section
5 1782, notice was issued to the defendant, Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., as
6 to those defects identified herein with plaintiff’s subject vehicle. As of the date of
7 this filing the defendant has failed to comply with the plaintiff’s request. Herbert
8 Fischer executed an opt-out notice from the Class in *Re: Volkswagen “Clean*
9 *Diesel” Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation*, No. 3:15-
10 md-2672 (Northern District of California). **Herbert Fischer** affidavit as required
11 by **CAL. CIV. CODE § 1780(c)** is attached as Exhibit 21.

12 **Sean Fisher**, residing in Santa Barbara County, Santa Barbara, California,
13 purchased a 2010 Jetta Sportwagon in March 2010 bearing VIN#
14 3VWPL7AJ5AM658477 for approximately \$29,000.00 from Barber Volkswagen
15 in Ventura, CA. On May 19, 2016, pursuant to California Consumer Legal
16 Remedies Act (“CLRA”) section 1782, notice was issued to the defendant,
17 Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., as to those defects identified herein with
18 plaintiff’s subject vehicle. As of the date of this filing the defendant has failed to
19 comply with the plaintiff’s request. Sean Fisher executed an opt-out notice from
20 the Class in *Re: Volkswagen “Clean Diesel” Marketing, Sales Practices and*
21 *Products Liability Litigation*, No. 3:15-md-2672 (Northern District of California).

1 **Sean Fisher** affidavit as required by **CAL. CIV. CODE § 1780(c)** is attached as
2 Exhibit 22.

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4 **Deborah M. Fodor**, residing in Riverside County, Temecula, California,
5 purchased a 2013 Passat on July 13, 2013 bearing VIN# 1VWCN7A35DC151711
6 for approximately \$36,222.00 from Mossy Volkswagen Escondido in Escondido,
7 CA. On August 19, 2016, pursuant to California Consumer Legal Remedies Act
8 (“CLRA”) section 1782, notice was issued to the defendant, Volkswagen Group of
9 America, Inc., as to those defects identified herein with plaintiff’s subject vehicle.
10 As of the date of this filing the defendant has failed to comply with the plaintiff’s
11 request. Deborah M. Fodor executed an opt-out notice from the Class in *Re:*
12 *Volkswagen “Clean Diesel” Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability*
13 *Litigation*, No. 3:15-md-2672 (Northern District of California). **Deborah M.**
14 **Fodor’s** affidavit as required by **CAL. CIV. CODE § 1780(c)** is attached as Exhibit
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17 **Debra Gillis**, residing in Los Angeles County, Palmdale, California,
18 purchased a 2014 Passat on September 18, 2013 bearing
19 VIN#1VWCN7A30EC017724 for approximately \$38,095.00 from Antelope
20 Valley Volkswagen in Palmdale, CA. On May 19, 2016, pursuant to California
21 Consumer Legal Remedies Act (“CLRA”) section 1782, notice was issued to the
22 defendant, Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., as to those defects identified
23 herein with plaintiff’s subject vehicle. As of the date of this filing the defendant
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1 has failed to comply with the plaintiff's request. Debra Gillis executed an opt-out
2 notice from the Class in *Re: Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Marketing, Sales*
3 *Practices and Products Liability Litigation*, No. 3:15-md-2672 (Northern District
4 of California). **Debra Gillis'** affidavit as required by CAL. CIV. CODE § 1780(c) is
5 attached as Exhibit 24.
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8 **Ralph W. Gladwin**, residing in Merced County, Merced, California,
9 purchased a 2013 Jetta Sportwagen on April 18, 2013 bearing VIN#
10 3VWPL7AJXDM647060 for approximately \$35,271.00 from Merced Volkswagen
11 Kia Hyundai in Merced, CA. On May 19, 2016, pursuant to California Consumer
12 Legal Remedies Act ("CLRA") section 1782, notice was issued to the defendant,
13 Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., as to those defects identified herein with
14 plaintiff's subject vehicle. As of the date of this filing the defendant has failed to
15 comply with the plaintiff's request. Ralph W. Gladwin executed an opt-out notice
16 from the Class in *Re: Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Marketing, Sales Practices and*
17 *Products Liability Litigation*, No. 3:15-md-2672 (Northern District of California).
18 **Ralph W. Gladwin's** affidavit as required by CAL. CIV. CODE § 1780(c) is
19 attached as Exhibit 25.
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24 **Hugh J. Hardman**, residing in Los Angeles County, Los Angeles,
25 California, purchased a 2012 Jetta Sportwagen on March 01, 2012 bearing VIN#
26 3VWPL7AJ7CM661349 for approximately \$31,703.00 from Neftin Volkswagen
27 in Thousand Oaks, CA. On May 19, 2016, pursuant to California Consumer Legal
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1 Remedies Act (“CLRA”) section 1782, notice was issued to the defendant,
2 Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., as to those defects identified herein with
3 plaintiff’s subject vehicle. As of the date of this filing the defendant has failed to
4 comply with the plaintiff’s request. Hugh J. Hardman executed an opt-out notice
5 from the Class in *Re: Volkswagen “Clean Diesel” Marketing, Sales Practices and*
6 *Products Liability Litigation*, No. 3:15-md-2672 (Northern District of California).
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8 **Hugh J. Hardman’s** affidavit as required by **CAL. CIV. CODE § 1780(c)** is
9 attached as Exhibit 26.
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12 **Kathryn M. Hartman**, residing in San Diego County, Chula Vista,
13 California, purchased a 2013 Jetta TDI on September 3, 2012 bearing VIN#
14 3VWLL7AJ2DM205324 for approximately \$30,815.00 from South Bay
15 Volkswagen in National City, CA. On May 19, 2016, pursuant to California
16 Consumer Legal Remedies Act (“CLRA”) section 1782, notice was issued to the
17 defendant, Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., as to those defects identified
18 herein with plaintiff’s subject vehicle. As of the date of this filing the defendant
19 has failed to comply with the plaintiff’s request. Kathryn M. Hartman executed an
20 opt-out notice from the Class in *Re: Volkswagen “Clean Diesel” Marketing, Sales*
21 *Practices and Products Liability Litigation*, No. 3:15-md-2672 (Northern District
22 of California). affidavit as required by **CAL. CIV. CODE § 1780(c)** **Kathryn M.**
23 **Hartman’s** is attached as Exhibit 27.
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1 **Robert E. Holaday**, residing in San Diego County, LaMesa, California,
2 leased a 2015 Passat on September 4, 2015 bearing VIN# 1VWCV7A36FC065553
3 for approximately \$35,218.00 from Mossy Volkswagen El Cajon in El Cajon, CA.
4 On August 29, 2016, pursuant to California Consumer Legal Remedies Act
5 (“CLRA”) section 1782, notice was issued to the defendant, Volkswagen Group of
6 America, Inc., as to those defects identified herein with plaintiff’s subject vehicle.
7 As of the date of this filing the defendant has failed to comply with the plaintiff’s
8 request. Robert E. Holaday executed an opt-out notice from the Class in *Re:*
9 *Volkswagen “Clean Diesel” Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability*
10 *Litigation*, No. 3:15-md-2672 (Northern District of California). **Robert E.**
11 **Holaday’s** affidavit as required by CAL. CIV. CODE § 1780(c) is attached as
12 Exhibit 28.

13 **Robert E. Holaday d/b/a Holaday Financial Insurance**, doing business in
14 San Diego County, LaMesa, California, purchased a 2012 Audi A3 on March 31,
15 2012 bearing VIN# WAUKJAFM2CA114373 for approximately \$38,105.00 from
16 Audi Mission Viejo in Mission Viejo, CA. On August 19, 2016, pursuant to
17 California Consumer Legal Remedies Act (“CLRA”) section 1782, notice was
18 issued to the defendant, Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., as to those defects
19 identified herein with plaintiff’s subject vehicle. As of the date of this filing the
20 defendant has failed to comply with the plaintiff’s request. Robert E. Holaday
21 d/b/a Holaday Financial Insurance executed an opt-out notice from the Class in *Re:*

1 *Volkswagen “Clean Diesel” Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability*
2 *Litigation*, No. 3:15-md-2672 (Northern District of California). **Robert E.**
3 **Holaday d/b/a Holaday Financial Insurance’s** affidavit as required by **CAL. CIV.**
4 **CODE § 1780(c)** is attached as Exhibit 28.

6 **Scotty J. Hunziker**, residing in San Diego County, Ramona, California,
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8 purchased a 2015 Passat on April 30, 2015 bearing VIN# 1VWCV7A31FC070711.
9 On August 29, 2016, pursuant to California Consumer Legal Remedies Act
10 (“CLRA”) section 1782, notice was issued to the defendant, Volkswagen Group of
11 America, Inc., as to those defects identified herein with plaintiff’s subject vehicle.
12 As of the date of this filing the defendant has failed to comply with the plaintiff’s
13 request. Scotty J. Hunziker executed an opt-out notice from the Class in *Re:*
14 *Volkswagen “Clean Diesel” Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability*
15 *Litigation*, No. 3:15-md-2672 (Northern District of California). **Scotty J.**
16 **Hunziker** affidavit as required by **(CAL. CIV. CODE § 1780(c))** is attached as
17 Exhibit 29.

21 **David Immethun**, residing in Santa Clara County, San Jose, California,
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23 purchased a 2011 Jetta TDI on September 6, 2011 bearing VIN#
24 3VWPL7AJ7BM710161 for approximately \$27,967.00 from Capitol Volkswagen
25 in San Jose, CA. On May 20, 2016, pursuant to California Consumer Legal
26 Remedies Act (“CLRA”) section 1782, notice was issued to the defendant,
27 Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., as to those defects identified herein with
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1 plaintiff's subject vehicle. As of the date of this filing the defendant has failed to
2 comply with the plaintiff's request. David Immethun executed an opt-out notice
3 from the Class in *Re: Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Marketing, Sales Practices and*
4 *Products Liability Litigation*, No. 3:15-md-2672 (Northern District of California).
5 **David Immethun's** affidavit as required by (CAL. CIV. CODE § 1780(c) is
6 attached as Exhibit 30.

9 **Zemka Isakovic**, residing in Alameda County, Oakland, California,
10 purchased a 2010 Jetta TDI on October 5, 2013 bearing
11 VIN#3VWRL8AJ5AM022110 for approximately \$17,500.00 from Volkswagen of
12 Oakland in Oakland, CA. On August 19, 2016, pursuant to California Consumer
13 Legal Remedies Act ("CLRA") section 1782, notice was issued to the defendant,
14 Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., as to those defects identified herein with
15 plaintiff's subject vehicle. As of the date of this filing the defendant has failed to
16 comply with the plaintiff's request. Zemka Isakovic executed an opt-out notice
17 from the Class in *Re: Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Marketing, Sales Practices and*
18 *Products Liability Litigation*, No. 3:15-md-2672 (Northern District of California).
19 **Zemka Isakovic's** affidavit as required by (CAL. CIV. CODE § 1780(c) is attached
20 as Exhibit 31.

23 **Ryan Jackson and Jennifer Jackson**, residing in Ventura County, Simi
24 Valley, California, purchased a 2011 Jetta Sportwagen on July 15, 2011 bearing
25 VIN# 3VWPL7AJ6BM697998, from Volkswagen Santa Monica in Santa Monica,
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1 CA. On August 15, 2016, pursuant to California Consumer Legal Remedies Act
2 (“CLRA”) section 1782, notice was issued to the defendant, Volkswagen Group of
3 America, Inc., as to those defects identified herein with plaintiff’s subject vehicle.
4 As of the date of this filing the defendant has failed to comply with the plaintiff’s
5 request. Ryan and Jennifer Jackson executed an opt-out notice from the Class in
6 *Re: Volkswagen “Clean Diesel” Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability*
7 *Litigation*, No. 3:15-md-2672 (Northern District of California). **Ryan Jackson’s**
8 **and Jennifer Jackson’s** affidavits as required by (CAL. CIV. CODE § 1780(c) are
9 attached as Exhibit 32, *in globo*.

13 **Norman L. Jenkins**, residing in San Francisco County, San Francisco,
14 California, purchased a 2011 Jetta Sportwagen on December 10, 2010 bearing
15 VIN#3VWPL7AJXBM640283 for approximately \$25,787.00 from Winn
16 Volkswagen in Newark, CA. On May 12, 2016, pursuant to California Consumer
17 Legal Remedies Act (“CLRA”) section 1782, notice was issued to the defendant,
18 Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., as to those defects identified herein with
19 plaintiff’s subject vehicle. As of the date of this filing the defendant has failed to
20 comply with the plaintiff’s request. Norman L. Jenkins executed an opt-out notice
21 from the Class in *Re: Volkswagen “Clean Diesel” Marketing, Sales Practices and*
22 *Products Liability Litigation*, No. 3:15-md-2672 (Northern District of California).
23 **Norman L. Jenkins’** affidavit as required by (CAL. CIV. CODE § 1780(c) is
24 attached as Exhibit 33.

1 **Harpreet Singh Jhatu**, residing in Stanislaus County, Modesto, California,
2 purchased a 2011 Jetta in March 2011 bearing VIN# 3VW3L7AJ9BM082618 for
3 approximately \$28,594.00 from Lasher Volkswagen/Elk Grove Volkswagen in Elk
4 Grove, CA. On May 27, 2016, pursuant to California Consumer Legal Remedies
5 Act (“CLRA”) section 1782, notice was issued to the defendant, Volkswagen
6 Group of America, Inc., as to those defects identified herein with plaintiff’s subject
7 vehicle. As of the date of this filing the defendant has failed to comply with the
8 plaintiff’s request. Harpreet Singh Jhatu executed an opt-out notice from the Class
9 in *Re: Volkswagen “Clean Diesel” Marketing, Sales Practices and Products*
10 *Liability Litigation*, No. 3:15-md-2672 (Northern District of California). **Harpreet**
11 **Singh Jhatu**’s affidavit as required by (CAL. CIV. CODE § 1780(c) is attached as
12 Exhibit 34.

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14 **Harry E. Johns and Miranda Johns**, residing in Shasta County, Anderson,
15 California, purchased a 2010 Jetta on March 18, 2010 bearing VIN#
16 3VWAL8AJ4AM023648. On August 19, 2016, pursuant to California Consumer
17 Legal Remedies Act (“CLRA”) section 1782, notice was issued to the defendant,
18 Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., as to those defects identified herein with
19 plaintiff’s subject vehicle. As of the date of this filing the defendant has failed to
20 comply with the plaintiff’s request. Harry and Miranda Johns executed an opt-out
21 notice from the Class in *Re: Volkswagen “Clean Diesel” Marketing, Sales*
22 *Practices and Products Liability Litigation*, No. 3:15-md-2672 (Northern District

1 of California). **Harry E. Johns’ and Miranda Johns’** affidavits as required by
2 **CAL. CIV. CODE § 1780(c)** are attached as Exhibit 35, *in globo*.

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4 20. Defendant **VOLKSWAGEN GROUP OF AMERICA, INC.**
5 (hereinafter “VOLKSWAGEN”) is the manufacturer and/or distributor and/or
6 warrantor for the subject vehicles purchased by the plaintiffs identified herein.
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8 VOLKSWAGEN is a New Jersey corporation with its headquarters and principal
9 place of business in Herndon, Virginia which is authorized to do business in the
10 State of California with their U.S. Western Regional Office located in Woodland
11 Hills, California which is located within Los Angeles County and within the
12 Western Division of the Central District of California.
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14 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

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16 21. This Court has original jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28
17 U.S.C. 1331, 1332(1) and 1367.

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19 22. This Court has personal jurisdiction over VOLKSWAGEN because
20 VOLKSWAGEN is registered to conduct business in California; has sufficient
21 minimum contacts in California; has its Western Regional Office located in
22 Woodland Hills, California, and intentionally avails itself to the jurisdiction of
23 California by virtue of their extensive business dealings and transactions within
24 this state.
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27 23. Venue is proper in this County pursuant to Title 29 of the United
28 States Code, Chapter 18 Section 1132 and Code of Civil Procedure Sections 395

1 and 395.5 as this is a court of competent jurisdiction, and Defendant Volkswagen's
2 U.S. Western Regional Office is in Woodland Hills, California, Los Angeles
3 County within the Central District of California.
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6 **TOLLING OF THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS**
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8 24. Until the EPA announced the findings of its "Notice of Violation" on
9 September 18, 2015, the plaintiffs had no way of knowing about Volkswagen's
10 concealment of their purposeful and intentional fraudulent and deceptive
11 manufacturing practices regarding the installation and use of the defeat device.
12 Thus, within the time period of any applicable statute of limitations, plaintiffs
13 could not have discovered through the exercise of reasonable diligence that
14 Volkswagen was concealing the conduct complained of herein and misrepresenting
15 the Company's true position with respect to the use and installation of the defeat
16 devices and the emission qualities of their subject vehicles.
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18 25. The plaintiffs did not discover and did not know of facts that would
19 have caused a reasonable person to suspect, that Volkswagen did not report
20 information within its knowledge to federal and state authorities, its dealerships, or
21 consumers; nor would a reasonable and diligent investigation have disclosed that
22 Volkswagen had information in its possession about the existence of its
23 sophisticated emissions schemes and that it opted to conceal that information,
24 which was discovered by Plaintiffs only after EPA issued its Notice of Violations.
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1 26. For these reasons, all applicable statute of limitations have been tolled
2 by operation of the discovery rule with respect to claims as to all subject vehicles
3 identified herein.
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5 27. All applicable statutes of limitations have also been tolled by
6 Volkswagen's knowing and active fraudulent concealment and denial of the facts
7 alleged throughout the time period relevant to this action.
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9 28. Volkswagen was under a continuous duty to disclose to the plaintiffs
10 the true character and quality of their subject vehicles, including their emissions
11 systems and that said systems were in compliance with both federal and state law.
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13 29. Volkswagen knowingly, affirmatively, and actively concealed the true
14 nature, quality and character of the subject vehicles including the quality and
15 character of their emissions systems.
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17 30. Volkswagen was also under a continuous duty to disclose to the
18 plaintiffs that it had engaged in the emissions fraud scheme complained of herein
19 to evade federal and state law emissions standards.
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21 31. Based on the foregoing, Volkswagen is estopped from relying on any
22 statutes of limitations in defense of its actions.
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24 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**
25 **(Complaint for violation of the Song-Beverly Consumer Warranty Act,**
26 **Civil Code Section 1790 *et seq.*, as against all defendants)**

27 32. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference as though fully set
28 forth herein each and every allegation contained in the preceding paragraphs.

1 33. The subject vehicles are “consumer goods” as defined under the Song-
2 Beverly Consumer Warranty Act.

3 34. Plaintiffs are “purchasers” of consumer goods as defined under the
4 Song-Beverly Consumer Warranty Act.

5 35. Defendant VOLKSWAGEN is a “manufacturer” and “distributor” as
6 defined under the Song-Beverly Consumer Warranty Act.

7 36. The sale of the subject vehicles to Plaintiffs was accompanied by an
8 express written warranty.

9 37. The subject vehicles would not pass without objection in the
10 automotive trade because the subject subject vehicles do not conform in material
11 respects with federal and California emissions standards, were sold with an illegal
12 defeat device, as described above, and emit pollutants such as NOx by a factor of
13 10 to 40 times above the EPA compliant levels.

14 38. The subject vehicles are not adequately labeled because the labeling
15 misrepresents that the subject vehicles are compliant with federal and California
16 emissions standards or fails to disclose such noncompliance.

17 39. Defendant’s conduct deprived Plaintiffs of the benefit of their bargain
18 and have caused the subject vehicles to be worth less than what Plaintiffs paid.

19 40. Further, the sale of the subject vehicles to Plaintiffs was accompanied
20 by implied warranties that the subject vehicles were merchantable and fit for a
21 particular use.

1 41. VOLKSWAGEN has breached the implied warranties of
2 merchantability and fitness for a particular use because the subject vehicles when
3 sold would not pass without objection in the trade.
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5 42. Plaintiffs have complied with all obligations under the warranty, or
6 otherwise have been excused from performance of said obligations as a result of
7 Defendant's conduct described herein.
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9 43. Because Defendant failed to remedy the defects as alleged above, or to
10 issue a refund or replacement, VOLKSWAGEN is in breach of their obligations
11 under the Song-Beverly Consumer Warranty Act.
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13 44. Defendant's continuing breach of their obligations as set forth herein
14 is willful and as such, VOLKSWAGEN is liable to Plaintiffs for civil penalties in
15 an amount as set forth below.
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17 45. Under CAL. CIV. CODE §§ 1791.1(d) & 1794, Plaintiffs are entitled to
18 damages and other legal and equitable relief including, at their election, the
19 purchase price of the Subject vehicles, or the overpayment or diminution in value
20 of the Subject vehicles, and also seek and are entitled to their attorney fees and
21 costs.
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24 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**
25 **Violations of the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act**

26 46. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference as though fully set
27 forth herein each and every allegation contained in the preceding paragraphs.
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1 47. Plaintiffs are "consumers" as defined in the Magnuson-Moss
2 Warranty Act (hereinafter "Warranty Act"), 15 U.S.C. § 2301(3).

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4 48. VOLKSWAGEN is a "supplier" and "warrantor" as defined in the
5 Warranty Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2301(4) and (5).

6 49. VOLKSWAGEN is a "supplier" as defined in the Warranty Act, 15
7 U.S.C. § 2301(4).

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9 50. The subject vehicles are "consumer products" as defined in the
10 Warranty Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2301(1), because it is normally used for personal
11 purposes and Plaintiffs in fact purchased it wholly or primarily for personal use.

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13 51. The express warranty pertaining to the subject vehicle is a "written
14 warranty" as defined in the Warranty Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2301(6).

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16 52. The actions of Defendant, in failing to disclose to Plaintiffs the illegal
17 nature of the subject vehicles' emissions and Defendant's misrepresentations
18 concerning the subject vehicles' Clean Diesel engines constitute a breach of the
19 written and implied warranties covering the subject vehicles and hence, a violation
20 of the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act.

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22 53. Plaintiffs have performed all things agreed to and required of them
23 under the purchase agreement and warranty, except as may have been excused or
24 prevented by the conduct of Defendant as herein alleged.

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26 54. As a direct and proximate result of the acts and omissions of
27 Defendant as set forth herein above, each of the above named Plaintiffs have been
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1 damaged herein above in an amount in excess of \$50,000.00.

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5 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**
6 **FRAUD**

7 55. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference as though fully set
8 forth herein each and every allegation contained in the preceding paragraphs.

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10 56. VOLKSWAGEN intentionally misrepresented the quality of their
11 CLEAN DIESEL vehicles to the plaintiffs. Specifically, VOLKSWAGEN
12 represented to each plaintiff that the subject vehicle that they were selling to the
13 plaintiffs complied with all Federal and State emission requirements. Further
14 VOLKSWAGEN represented to the plaintiffs that the Volkswagen subject vehicle
15 they were selling to the plaintiff would comply with all Federal and California
16 emission regulations and environmental friendly without sacrificing fuel efficiency
17 or performance.

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20 57. VOLKSWAGEN marketed, advertised and solicited the plaintiffs to
21 buy their subject vehicles by making claims they knew to be fraudulent.
22 Specifically, VOLKSWAGEN knew that the subject vehicles they were selling to
23 the plaintiffs possessed an illegal “defeat device” that VOLKSWAGEN installed
24 and/or was installed per their instruction and that without the illegal “defeat
25 device” the subject vehicle could not pass the Federal or State emission
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1 regulations.

2 58. VOLKSWAGEN intended to defraud the plaintiff so that they could
3 sell their subject vehicles to the plaintiffs who placed a value on purchasing a
4 subject vehicle that was environmentally friendly, compliant with all Federal and
5 State regulations without sacrificing fuel efficiency or engine performance. In fact
6 the defendant used said fraudulent representations to justify a price for subject
7 vehicle that was significantly higher than the gasoline version of the same subject
8 vehicle.
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11 59. The plaintiffs identified herein justifiably relied upon and were
12 induced by the fraudulent representations made by VOLKSWAGEN into
13 purchasing their subject vehicles. In fact the subject vehicle emission control
14 information sticker placed on each of the plaintiffs' vehicles by VOLKSWAGEN
15 represented to each plaintiff that their subject vehicle was compliant with both U.S.
16 EPA requirements and California requirements.
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19 60. The plaintiffs were damaged as a result of the false representations,
20 concealment and nondisclosure of VOLKSWAGEN. Specifically, the plaintiffs
21 paid a premium price to purchase subject vehicles that are illegal. Plaintiffs'
22 vehicles are non-compliant with Federal and/or State laws regarding emissions. In
23 fact rather than being environmentally friendly the subject vehicles are pollutant
24 producing and global warming offenders that are on the roads in violation of the
25 law.
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1 61. Upon information and belief the plaintiffs' vehicles cannot be repaired
2 so as to comply with Federal and State emission laws and in the event such repair
3 was available it would result in a loss of fuel efficiency and engine performance
4 which were both significant factors used by the plaintiffs in the selection of their
5 subject vehicles.
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8 62. In light of the defect contained within the subject vehicle, the
9 "emission scandal" and the uncertainty of VOLKSWAGEN to be able to repair any
10 of plaintiffs subject vehicles, the subject vehicles do not have a resale or trade in
11 value and any such value has been significantly diminished resulting in economic
12 damages to the plaintiff.
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14 63. Because Defendant's conduct was intentional, wanton, deliberate,
15 oppressive, malicious and in reckless disregard of Plaintiffs' consumer and
16 contractual rights, Plaintiffs seek and are entitled to an award of punitive or
17 exemplary damages in an amount to be determined at trial.
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20 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**
21 **FRAUD BY CONCEALMENT**
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23 64. Since at least 2009, Defendant has intentionally concealed and
24 suppressed the material fact that they had installed an illegal "defeat device" in the
25 subject vehicles to either bypass or render inoperative elements of the Subject
26 vehicles' design related to compliance with federal and California emission
27 standards, and that their subject vehicles emit as much as 40 times the amount of
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1 pollution allowed under federal and California law. In addition, Defendant
2 intentionally concealed and suppressed the material fact that the subject vehicles, if
3 brought in compliance with federal and California emissions standards, would
4 exhibit diminished performance and fuel economy, as compared to the
5 performance and fuel economy promised by Defendant through their advertising
6 and marketing.
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9 65. Defendant had a duty to disclose these facts because they had
10 exclusive knowledge of the material facts described above and such facts were not
11 known or reasonably knowable by Plaintiffs; because Defendant actively
12 concealed these material facts from Plaintiffs; and because Defendant made
13 fraudulent representations regarding the Subject vehicles' emissions and the
14 Subject vehicles' compliance with federal and state law, while at the same time
15 suppressing material facts regarding the Subject vehicles' emission of the pollutant
16 nitrogen oxide.
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20 66. These facts which Defendant concealed were material because they
21 suggested, falsely, that the subject vehicles are compliant with federal and state
22 emissions requirements. In addition, these facts were material because whether the
23 subject vehicles are so compliant, and whether they are "clean" diesel subject
24 vehicles, directly impact the value of the subject vehicles purchased or leased by
25 Plaintiffs.
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1 67. Defendant actively concealed or suppressed these material facts at
2 least since 2009, in order to profit from the sale or lease of the subject vehicles and
3 to defraud Plaintiffs.
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5 68. Plaintiffs had no knowledge of, and had no reason to know, that
6 Defendant had concealed or suppressed these material facts. In fact, such facts
7 were exclusively known by Defendant. Plaintiffs would not have purchased the
8 subject vehicles had Defendant not concealed or suppressed these material facts.
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10 69. Plaintiffs reasonably relied upon the fraudulent statements made by
11 VOLKSWAGEN to their detriment. Specifically, plaintiffs purchased the subject
12 vehicle because they believed the subject vehicle to be environmentally friendly, to
13 comply with both Federal and State laws regarding emissions and to do so without
14 sacrificing excellent fuel efficiency and engine performance. But for these factors
15 the plaintiffs would not have purchased their "CLEAN DIESEL" Volkswagen
16 vehicle.
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20 70. The plaintiffs were damaged as a result of the false representations,
21 concealment and nondisclosure of VOLKSWAGEN. Specifically, the plaintiffs
22 paid a premium price to purchase subject vehicles that are illegal. Subject vehicles
23 that are non-compliant with Federal and/or State laws regarding emissions. In fact
24 rather than being environmentally friendly the subject vehicles are pollutant
25 producing and global warming offenders that are on the roads in violation of the
26 law.
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1 71. Upon information and belief the plaintiffs subject vehicles cannot be
2 repaired so as to comply with Federal and State emission laws and in the event
3 such repair was available it would result in a loss of fuel efficiency and engine
4 performance which were both significant factors that induced the plaintiffs to
5 purchase said subject vehicles.
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8 72. In light of the fact that the subject vehicle is in violation of the law,
9 the “emission scandal” and the uncertainty of VOLKSWAGEN to be able to repair
10 any of plaintiffs subject vehicles, the subject vehicles do not have a resale or trade
11 in value and any such value has been significantly diminished resulting in
12 economic damages to the plaintiff.
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14 73. Because Defendant’s conduct was wanton, deliberate, oppressive and
15 malicious, or in reckless disregard of Plaintiffs’ consumer and contractual rights,
16 Plaintiffs seek and are entitled to an award of punitive or exemplary damages in an
17 amount to be determined at trial.
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20 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**
21 **Violation of the Unfair Competition Law**
22 **(CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE § 17200)**

23 74. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference as though fully set
24 forth herein each and every allegation contained in the preceding paragraphs.

25 75. Defendant’s acts and practices, as alleged in this complaint, constitute
26 unlawful, unfair, and fraudulent business practices, in violation of the Unfair
27 Competition Law, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200 *et seq.*
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1 76. Defendant's acts and practices constitute unlawful business practices,
2 as they violate section 203(a)(3)(B) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), 42 U.S.C. §
3 7522(a)(3)(B) and its implementing regulations; section 203(a)(1) of the CAA, 42
4 U.S .C. § 7522(a)(1) and its implementing regulations; the federal Magnuson-
5 Moss Warranty Act; California's Consumers Legal Remedies Act; California's
6 Song-Beverly Consumer Warranty Act; California law governing subject vehicle
7 emissions; and breach Defendant Volkswagen's warranties.
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10 77. Defendant's acts and practices constitute unfair practices in that (I)
11 they are unethical, unscrupulous, and substantially injurious to consumers; (ii) any
12 claimed utility of Defendant's conduct is outweighed by the harm to consumers;
13 (iii) the injury is not one that consumers reasonably could have avoided; and/or (iv)
14 the conduct runs afoul of the policies underlying the federal Clean Air Act, its
15 implementing regulations, and California emissions standards, which seek to
16 minimize harmful emissions and provide consumers with accurate information
17 about the pollutant levels emitted by subject vehicles placed in the stream of
18 commerce.
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20 78. Defendant's acts and practices constitute fraudulent practices in that
21 they are likely to deceive a reasonable consumer, who would not have purchased
22 the subject vehicles, or would have paid substantially less for the subject vehicles,
23 had Volkswagen adequately disclosed that the subject vehicles failed to comply
24 with federal and California emissions standards.
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1 79. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's unlawful, unfair, and
2 fraudulent business practices, Plaintiffs have suffered injury in fact and lost money
3 or property, in that they bought or leased subject vehicles they otherwise would not
4 have bought, overpaid for the subject vehicles, did not receive the benefit of their
5 bargain, and the subject vehicles suffered a diminution in value. In addition,
6 Plaintiffs will incur additional fuel costs, and a diminution in the performance of
7 their respective subject vehicles, if and when the subject vehicles are altered in
8 order to bring them into compliance with federal and state emissions standards.
9 Meanwhile, Defendant has sold or leased more subject vehicles than they
10 otherwise could have and charged inflated prices for the subject vehicles, thereby
11 unjustly enriching themselves.

12 80. Plaintiffs seek and are entitled to equitable relief, including
13 restitutionary disgorgement of all profits accruing to Defendant because of their
14 unfair and deceptive practices and such other orders as may be necessary to
15 prevent the future use of these practices.

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17 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**
18 **Violation of False Advertising Law**
19 **(CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE § 17500, *et seq.*)**
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21 81. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference as though fully set
22 forth herein each and every allegation contained in the preceding paragraphs.
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24 82. California's False Advertising Law prohibits any "unfair, deceptive,
25 untrue, or misleading advertising." CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE § 17500. This
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1 prohibition extends to advertising which is false, and also to advertising which,
2 although true, is either actually misleading or which has a capacity, likelihood or
3 tendency to deceive or confuse the public.
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5 83. Through advertising, marketing, and other publications described at
6 length above, Defendant disseminated, or caused to be disseminated to Plaintiffs,
7 statements regarding the subject vehicles that were false and/or misleading,
8 including that the subject vehicles are “Clean Diesel” subject vehicles when, in
9 fact, they did not meet federal or California emissions standards.
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11 84. Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions regarding the subject
12 vehicles’ emissions compliance, their performance, and their fuel efficiency were
13 material and likely to deceive reasonable consumers such as Plaintiffs.
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15 85. Defendant Volkswagen knew or should have known these statements
16 were false and misleading and would deceive consumers, including Plaintiffs.
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18 86. Plaintiffs have suffered injury-in-fact, including the loss of money and
19 property, as a result of Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions, which are
20 unfair, deceptive, untrue, or misleading in violation of the False Advertising Law.
21 Plaintiffs would not have purchased or leased the subject vehicles had they known
22 of the deceptive nature of Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions, or they
23 would have paid less for the subject vehicles. Also, Plaintiffs will incur additional
24 fuel costs, and a diminution in the performance of their respective subject vehicles,
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1 if and when their subject vehicles are altered in order to bring them into
2 compliance with federal and state emissions standards.

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4 87. Plaintiffs are entitled to equitable relief, including restitutionary
5 disgorgement of all profits accruing to Defendant because of their deceptive
6 practices and an order requiring Defendant Volkswagen to adequately disclose and
7 repair the defect.
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10 **SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**
11 **Violation of the Consumer Legal Remedies Act**
12 **(CAL. CIV. CODE § 1750, *et seq.*)**

13 88. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference as though fully set
14 forth herein each and every allegation contained in the preceding paragraphs.

15 89. Defendant violated the Consumers Legal Remedies Act (CLRA),
16 California Civil Code §§ 1770(a)(2), (3), (5), (7), (9), and (16), by engaging in
17 unfair methods of competition and unfair and deceptive acts and practices in
18 connection with transactions—namely, the sale of the subject vehicles to Plaintiffs
19 that were intended to, and did, result in the sale and lease of goods to consumers.
20 In connection with the sale or lease of the subject vehicles to Plaintiffs, Defendant
21 concealed and failed to disclose that the subject vehicles did and do not meet
22 federal and state emissions standards and that they achieve their performance and
23 fuel efficiency as a result of an illegal defeat device. These facts are material to a
24 reasonable consumer in that they negatively affect the subject vehicles’
25 environmental emissions and market value. If and when the subject vehicles are
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1 altered to bring them into compliance with federal and state emissions standards,
2 Plaintiffs will incur additional fuel costs, and a diminution in the performance of
3 their respective subject vehicles. Defendant had a duty to disclose these facts to
4 Plaintiffs because they had exclusive knowledge of those facts, which were not
5 known or reasonably knowable by Plaintiffs; because Defendant actively
6 concealed these material facts from Plaintiffs; and because Defendant made
7 fraudulent representations regarding the subject vehicles' emissions and the subject
8 vehicles' compliance with federal and state emissions law, while at the same time
9 suppressing material facts regarding the Subject vehicles' emissions.

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13 90. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's conduct, Plaintiffs
14 have been harmed. Plaintiffs bought or leased the Subject vehicles they otherwise
15 would not have, overpaid for the subject vehicles, did not receive the benefit of the
16 bargain, and the subject vehicles suffered a diminution in value. Meanwhile,
17 Defendant has sold more subject vehicles than they otherwise could have and
18 charged inflated prices for the subject vehicles, thereby unjustly enriching
19 themselves.

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22 91. Plaintiffs seek and are entitled to equitable relief including actual
23 damages not less than \$1,000, restitution of property, punitive damages and any
24 other relief that the court deems proper.

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26 92. In addition to the remedies specified CLRA, any plaintiff who is a
27 senior citizen as defined by subdivision (f) and (g) of Section 1761, as part of an
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1 action under subdivision (a), seeks damages up to \$5,000, in addition to the
2 remedies specified therein.

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4 93. Further, the plaintiffs seek and are entitled to attorney's fees pursuant
5 to Section 1780.

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7 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

8 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment as follows:

- 9 1. For general, special and actual damages according to proof at trial:
10 2. For rescission of the purchase contract and restitution of all monies
11 expended;
12 3. For all civil penalties allowed by law to include but not limited to
13 treble damages and/or punitive damages according to proof at trial;
14 4. For incidental and consequential damages according to proof at trial;
15 5. For prejudgment interest at the legal rate;
16 6. For attorney's fees and costs of suit; and
17 7. For such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.
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23 Dated: February 21, 2017.
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